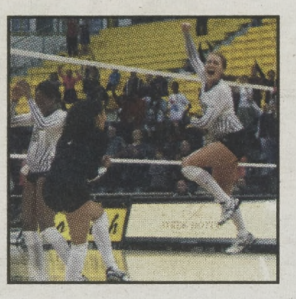
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Parkside dining hall renovations are 'on schedule' for completion

By Emma Langschied
Contributing Writer

The renovations at Parkside College dining hall are still "on schedule" and due to be completed on Oct. 21, according to Director of Housing and Residential Life Carol Roberts-Corb.

However, if the dining hall is completed on time, it still may not open to residents until November.

The maintenance team renovating Parkside's dining hall previously extended the project's completion date from September to October this year.

This delay has limited Parkside residents' dining options, leaving them to either visit the Hillside College or Beachside College dining halls, or to eat in the temporary "Camp Parkside" dining hall in Parking Lot 16, a five-minute walk away from Parkside.

Since the beginning of the semester, Camp Parkside has been operating out of a few modular office trailers in Lot 16, which sits a few minutes away from the Hillside dining hall. The temporary

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Parkside College's temporary dining hall sits in Parking Lot 16 .





Photos by Todd Johnson | Daily 49er

Flying in for the win

Arizona Sprawl ultimate frisbee team member Mark Davis, right, celebrates a win during the So Cal Open Sectionals on the CSULB rugby fields on Sunday.

CSULB pays most in wages throughout the CSU

Cal State Long Beach spends more than $203 million on employee wages, benefits and vacations in 2012-13.

By Crystal Niebla
Staff Writer

Cal State Long Beach paid the most in total employee wages of all Cal State University campuses last year, according to data on the State Controller's Office website.

CSULB paid more than $203 million in employee wages in 2012-13, yet it had the third largest number of employees in the entire 23-campus system, according to the data.

San Francisco State University had the most employees at 7,654, while Cal State Northridge had the second most at 7,640, according to the data. CSULB came in third with 7,499 employees.

By comparison, SFSU paid its employees just under $198 million while CSUN paid little more than $201 million.

According to CSU Spokesman Erik Fallis, the data from the State Controller's Office includes several forms of payments in addition to salary.

"These types of payments may include those who cash-out unused vacation time upon leaving the CSU or receive a payment in lieu of health benefits," Fallis said via email.

Fallis said that the data also includes payments to part-time student assistants.

CSULB's total salaries accounts for 7.5 percent of the CSU system's expense in wages, according to Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Dowell.

Dowell said that the 7.5 percent is also "almost exactly" proportional to the university's share of enrollment in the system, which may help to explain CSULB's portion of expenses in wages.

A contributing factor for CSULB's wages paid last year, Dowell said, might also be that the university "did a better job than most CSUs," of maintaining classes for students during the budget downturn. He said maintaining those classes meant maintaining pay for instructors as well.

"The fact that we protected classes for students, we also had to protect salaries for faculty to teach them," Dowell said. "That was a real priority for our campus."

According to the data, CSULB's average wage for employees is $27,171, just above the CSU average of $26,457.

In comparison, the data showed that the universities trailing behind CSULB

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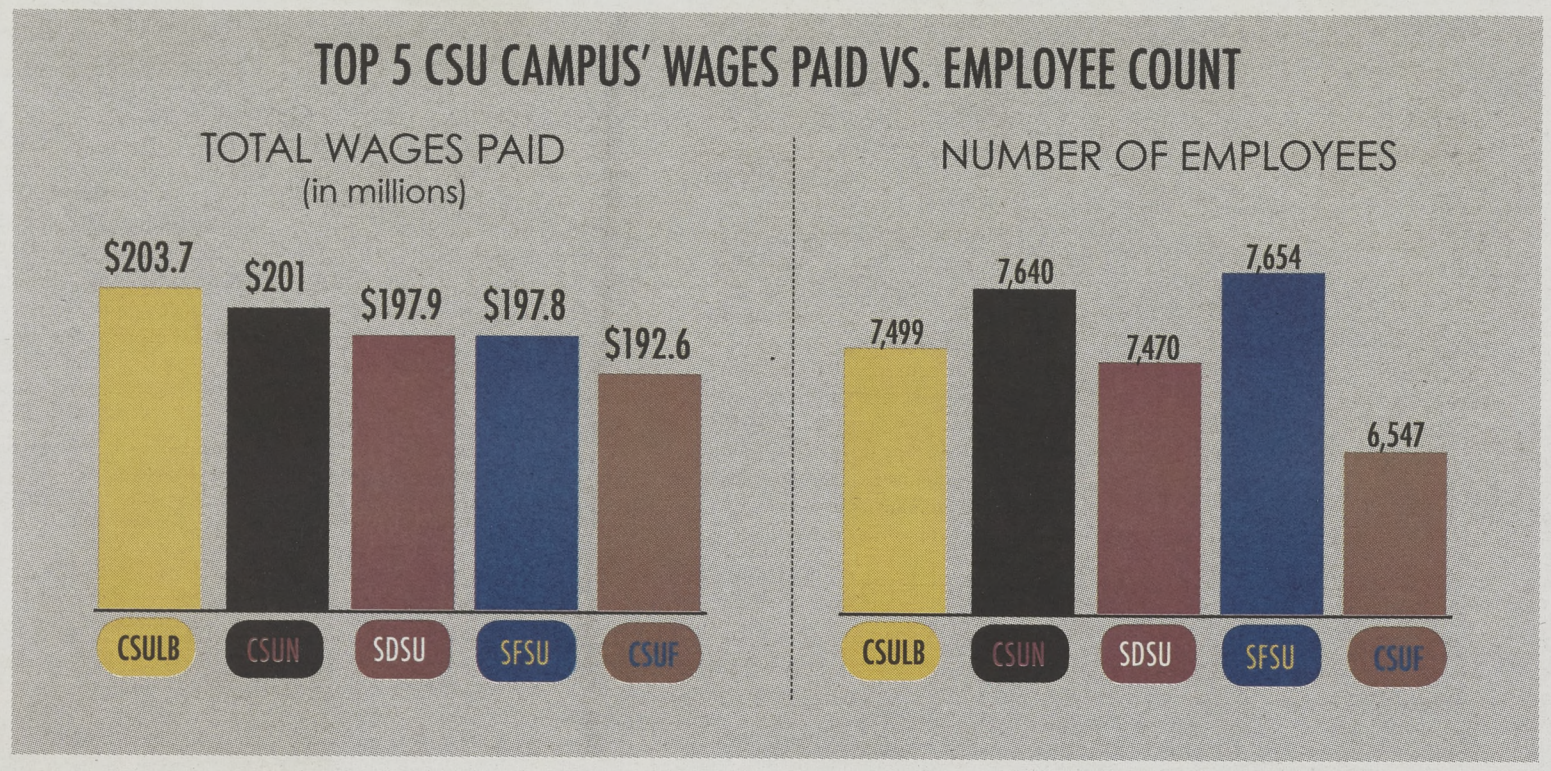
in most wages paid last year were CSUN and San Diego State University, which pay an average wage of $26,320 and $26,494, respectively.

Additionally, the State Controller's Office data showed that the university president, along with the majority of administrative and instructional faculty and a few department chair positions, earn the highest pay.

According to the data, the highest paying job at CSULB last year was the university president, which paid $320,251.

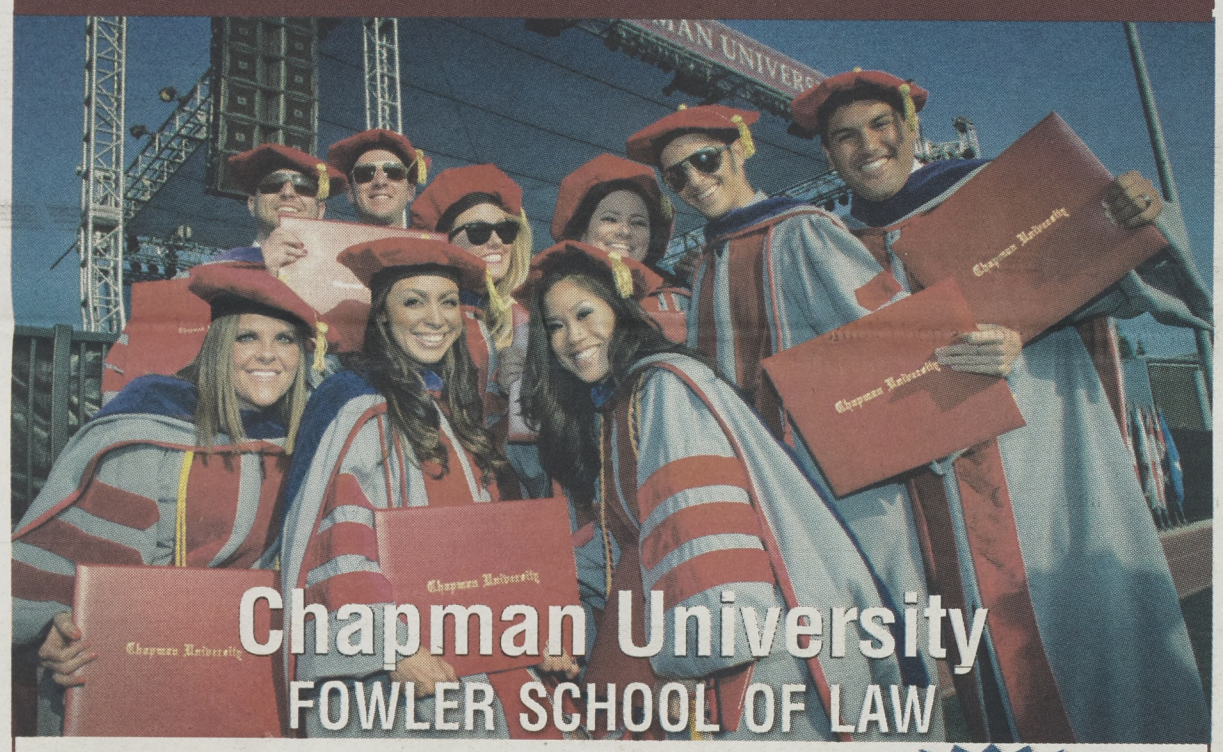
CSUN paid a noticeably lesser amount to its president, $136,982 in 2012-13, according to the data. On the other hand, the data listed SDSU as paying its president $359,358.

On-campus work-study, student assistant and some graduate assistant positions were paid the least, according to the data.



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30 percent of exchange students from Germany, UK

By Kealie Mardell
Contributing Writer

Cal State Long Beach has become a popular place for students from Germany and the U.K.

CSULB is hosting 145 direct exchange international students this fall, and of that group, 22 students came from each Germany and the U.K.

According to Jennifer Orem, education abroad adviser, the 145 students include just those on a direct exchange, not all international students studying on campus this semester. Last year, CSULB saw 135 direct exchange international students.

Wolfgang Jentner, from the University of Konstanz in South Germany, said his decision to study at CSULB was easy.

"Its very good ratings, the large campus and the large variety of courses influenced me," Jentner said.

Jentner said his first choice for exchange was the computer science program at CSULB because the major he studies in Germany, information engineering, is big in the U.S. but still new and emerging back home.

"This adventure was planned for a while, and there were plenty of people who told me a lot of different things about the U.S. and California," Jentner said. "It was quite confusing for me, and at some point I just decided to come here and make my own experiences."

He said that his first impression at CSULB was that the area is beautiful, the people are friendly, and it's incredibly diverse.

"There's so much to explore here," he said. "It already feels like the year I'll spend here is too short to discover everything."

While some international students travel alone, 15 exchange students from the University of Hertfordshire, England, made the trip to CSULB together. Most of these students said the main appeal of California is the weather, the beach and the chance to live in surroundings that couldn't be more different from those of England.

"It's also an opportunity that sets me apart," sophomore tourism major Ellie Dickinson said.

Junior astrophysics major Tabi Yates said the differences between her home and CSULB she most noticed include the size of the campus and the massive portion sizes in restaurants. She said she was also impressed that everyone has been so friendly and helpful since she came to The Beach.

Anke Surmacs, from Hamburg, Germany, said she had heard from other German students back home that CSULB is a great university with many opportunities and that it offers classes that aren't available at her home university.

"For me it's a big chance to work with different people from different fields and combine those impressions with my major in costume design," she said. "I expected friendly and open-minded people, a beautiful landscape, sun and of course a lot of work, and that's what my first impressions were like."

According to German Club Faculty Adviser Nele Hempel-Lamer, the German Club attracts students from the German Studies Program as well as international students. She also said that German universities heavily promote international education and have many partnerships with universities around the world.

"Germans love to travel and the learning of foreign languages is fostered in the K-12 system," Hempel-Lamer said via email.

Some German students had formal instruction in three different languages before they even graduated from high school, she said.

"Advanced proficiency in English is considered a must for Germans, both in the [European Union] and as collaborators on the global stage," she said.

Hempel-Lamer said that the exchange program is beneficial for any student interested in studying abroad.

"They realize that proficiency in this second language opens up a myriad of new opportunities for them," Hempel-Lamer said. "They can pursue classes or professional experiences that augment their academic studies here."

For more information about exchange and international studies opportunities, visit **www.csulb.edu/international**.

Anatol Center to host forum on constitutionality of gay marriage

The discussion will start at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

By Kelsey Hitchcock
Contributing Writer

Same-sex marriage will be the topic of discussion at Cal State Long Beach's fourth annual celebration of Constitution Day this year.

The event is sponsored by the communications studies department's Center for First Amendment studies, the political science department and the journalism and mass communication department. It will take place at 4 p.m. on Tuesday in the Karl Anatol Center.

At the event, Craig Smith, director of the Center for First Amendment Studies, and Kevin Johnson, a research director at the center, will discuss the constitutionality of same-sex marriage and the cases leading up to it, according to Smith and Johnson. They will also analyze the Supreme Court's ruling on California's Proposition 8 and the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

Smith will give a presentation on the history and evolution of marriage law and earlier cases concerning Prop. 8 and DOMA, which led up to the Supreme Court's decision this year.

Johnson said that among the landmark court cases to be discussed are Loving v. Virginia, a case that dealt with law prohibiting interracial marriage, as well as Bowers v. Hardwick and Lawrence v. Texas, both of which dealt with sodomy laws.

"This is not a debate," Smith said. "The event is informative. We are taking a stand, just explaining what the Supreme Court rulings mean and where we are on same-sex marriage federally and at the state level."

Johnson, who has spent much time researching and publishing about the First Amendment and the same-sex marriage debate, will discuss the Supreme Court's ruling.

He will also discuss First Amendment issues surrounding same-sex marriage and the cases on Prop. 8 and DOMA.

"I think it is important to create a sense of awareness about our Constitution and its contemporary questions," Johnson said.

Johnson said the event's goal is to provide an educational forum that covers the history and evolution of the American Constitution.

"Being aware of the policies that govern us, participating in the deliberation over those laws and when necessary, changing or abandoning those laws in order to better our civilization and learning about the Constitution is vital to such activity," Johnson said.

There are expected to be approximately 75 attendees at the event, Johnson said. The presentations will be followed by a Q-and-A session.

Dining Hall

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Camp Parkside is equipped with plastic tables and foldable chairs, and residents use disposable dishware.

Although its completion date is set for October, the new dining hall will not open its doors to hungry students that month, according to Roberts-Corb.

"We haven't set an opening date yet, but it should be in very early November," Roberts-Corb said. "That is if all continues to go well — you never know with construction."

Roberts-Corb said that aside from construction, the new dining hall will have to go through other processes before it can open its doors to residents.

"The 49er Shops will need to stock the kitchen and train on the new equipment," she said. She also said training alone is predicted to take approximately two weeks.

Sophomore nursing major and Parkside resident Alice Park said she is excited for the new dining hall to open.

"The [Camp] Parkside dining hall is too small and gets crowded, but at least it's only temporary," Park said. "Hopefully [the new dining hall] will be better than before."

Some students, like junior mechanical engineering major Joseph Vincent Ralph Williams, said they are looking forward to having metal cutlery again once the new dining hall is up and running.

"It's very wasteful; there's no reusable crockery, so there is excessive waste," Williams said.

Others, like junior business major Lianna Siddick, said the noise from the construction has been an annoyance in Parkside.

"It wakes me up every morning," Siddick said. "They need to hurry up and finish the new one."



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Parkside residents eat their meals on plastic tables and folding chairs in a temporary dining hall, Camp Parkside, located in Parking Lot 16.

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Obama's plan to create college rating system is flawed



OUR VIEW

In a recent speech, President Barack Obama unveiled a plan to change the way financial aid is distributed to universities.

According to the White House website, Obama's plan is to establish a new college rating system in which schools will be ranked on criteria such as affordability and graduation rates.

Although some may applaud rating colleges on these criteria, some find Obama's decision to tie federal financial aid to college ratings controversial.

"We want to rate them on who's offering the best value, so students and taxpayers get a bigger bang for their buck," Obama said in his speech.

In essence, a school that underperforms on Obama's rating chart would possibly lose millions in financial aid.

We find the competition aspect of Obama's new plan unsettling.

While we understand that Obama wants to promote excellence in higher education, much of his plan is flawed.

Comparing universities to each other on a master ranking system is a mistake.

Although all universities within the higher education system aspire for student success, the means by which they achieve it vary.

For instance, Harvard University and Cal State Long Beach are two completely different universities. The two have different graduation rates, average student loan debts and graduate salaries.

If CSULB hypothetically scored lower on Obama's score card than Harvard, should its funding be reduced?

If his plan is to receive bipartisan support, Obama must ensure that smaller and less prestigious universities are not punished through the rating system.

Although much of Obama's plan seems ill-advised, there is one aspect of it that we support.

Part of Obama's higher education plan is to reform the way that student loan debt is repaid, and he's proposed capping loan repayment at 10 percent of the borrower's income.

This plan may help America's growing student debt crisis.

According to the Washington Post, U.S. student loan debt has eclipsed credit card debt.

Ensuring that students graduate with a competitive degree and low amount of debt is key to success in the job market.

Although his plan may not completely fix higher education, we hope that Obama will continue to fight for students and their success.

Russia's duty in U.N. Security Council is to end Syrian conflict

NICOLAS RODRIGUEZ

There may soon be peace in a part of the Middle East.

According to The New York Times, representatives from Russia and the U.S. have worked out an agreement to obtain Syria's chemical weapons and properly dispose of them.

Syria's willingness to abide by the chemical weapons convention combined with the joint agreement reached by the U.S. and Russia proves that having a credible military threat works.

President Barack Obama's threat to strike militarily may have led Syria to concede that it possesses chemical weapons.

As countries like Syria continue to struggle to find alternative forms of government, it is important that the de-arming process remains peaceful.

A country that cannot govern its affairs within its borders threatens the security and interests of bordering neighbors and allies.

As the Syrian civil war escalates, an estimated 2.5 million Syrian refugees have been displaced from their homes, according to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Many extremist groups recruit refugees, which can create instability and breed more extremist rebel groups.

Such groups already exist in Syria, fighting on the side of the rebels.

Even if a multi-religious country seeks to wage war to determine who's in charge, the act of killing fellow citizens still constitutes genocide.

The United Nations must seek small victories like having Syria agree to a chemical weapons convention in order to further efforts in slowing down the violence and returning order.

It has been agreed upon in past U.N. resolutions that if a country cannot adequately protect itself, military force can be reserved as a last resort.

Time only serves to delay decisive action and draw out the loss in human life and suffering.

It is Russia's duty as member of the Security Council to not look away from the loss of human life and to help in a peacekeeping role to provide aid to the Syrian people.

Russia's focus should be on Syria and its people, not on competing interests with the U.S.

All aims must work toward a mutual understanding of peace and prosperity.

As long as a decision is reached towards that end instead of "us versus them," it's possible to reach diplomatic solutions.

While American exceptionalism is what drives the decision to intervene, diplomatic solutions backed with the last resort of force can bring about a decisive end to a two-year conflict that has taken the lives of more than 100,000 people.

That's a responsibility of a member of the Security Council.

Countries with strong military and economic influence must leverage themselves prudently as leaders toward peaceful solutions.

"Equal under God" does not guarantee that same equality on Earth; therefore, we must work together as people to reach those ends.

As a member of the U.N. Security Council, Russia must aim to prevent genocide.

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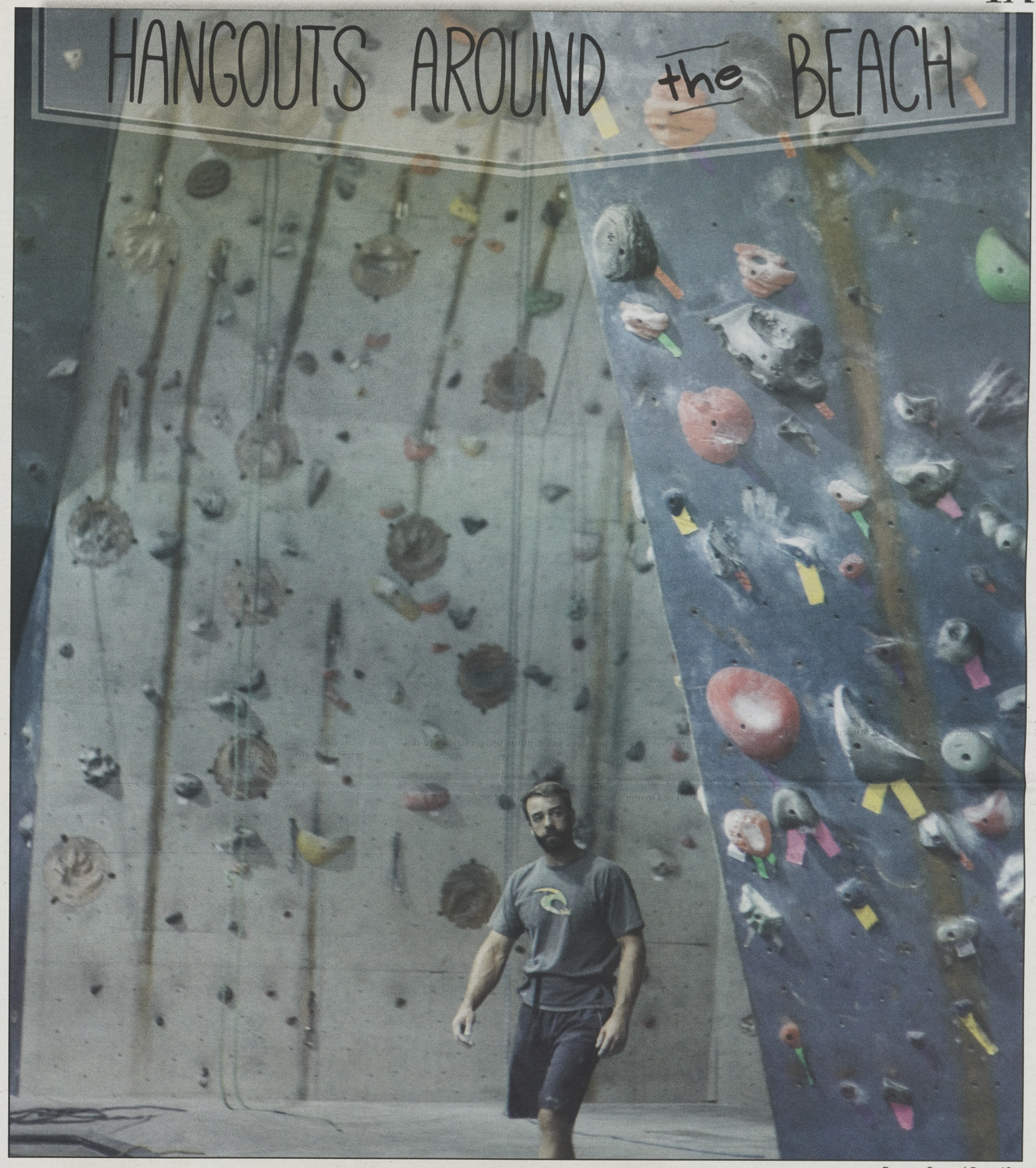
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HANGOUTS AROUND the BEACH



DANIELLE CARSON | DAILY 49ER

A regular scopes out the rock climbing wall before he does a little bouldering at Hangar 18 in Signal Hill, Calif.

When classes let out and homework is done, college students like to get social. Whether keeping active during the day or exploring the nocturnal side, there are plenty of places around campus to get out, kick back or party it up.

ROCK CLIMBING
AT HANGAR 18

DANIELLE CARSON | *Diversions Editor*

If you're tired of the crowded gym full of the same beefheads, free weights and dreaded cardio machines, try a different type of workout — one that you'll barely realize as exercise.

Hangar 18 is a rock climbing gym in Signal Hill, Calif., that is a great place to work out and build your skills.

It's an adrenaline rush with the risk of a big fall if you try some bouldering, ranging from the simple V0 to V9 difficulty ratings, which seem to be only Spiderman-friendly. Just be sure to get chalked up so you don't slip.

Once you learn to belay, you have your choice of top-rope ranging from the beginner rating of 5'4 to the more advanced of 5'11.

The regulars, who can be found climbing along the holds on the ceiling, are always willing to offer tips to the beginner. There are also helpful charts and color-coded rock walls available to help train the aspiring climber to get outside once they are strong enough.

Weights are available for warming up before the climb, and climbers can cool off and stretch out afterwards with a yoga class, which are offered multiple times on weekdays.

The gym offers multiple deals, including 50 percent off any membership, class or day pass for ladies on the first and third Fridays of the month. Otherwise, the discount price for students is $28 a month for membership including rentals, classes, yoga and unlimited climbing at any of the five Hangar 18 gyms in Southern California. As it turns out, the month membership is a couple bucks less than the adult day pass, so you'll have to come back for more.

DAYLIFE

Long Beach is well known as an active city where the arts thrive. There is no better way to appreciate all Long Beach has to offer than by getting active in a variety of ways and supporting local artists and producers.

COURTESY OF DHARMA SHAKTI
Long Beach residents practice yoga on the bluff on Ocean Boulevard.



YOGALUTION STUDIO
& YOGA ON THE BLUFF

COURTNEY TOMPKINS | *Managing Editor*

Free yoga on the bluff, overlooking the ocean — it doesn't get much better than that. Yogalution, a recently opened donation-based yoga studio in Long Beach, offers classes in the studio and on the bluff at Junipero Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, seven days a week.

Whether it's your first yoga class or you've been practicing for years, you'll find yourself at home in the growing yoga community of Long Beach. With a different instructor every day, one can surely find a philosophy that resonates with them. Dharma Shakti, co-owner of Yogalution, teaches classes on the bluff every Saturday and Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Shakti began teaching donation-based yoga six years ago and said the idea stemmed from hearing friends talk about wanting to take yoga classes but not being able to afford the high prices that most studios charge.

If you're searching for a new community to join or are simply interested in trying yoga for the first time, look no further. The instructor will have a donation box and only asks that you give what you can. You'll need to bring a yoga mat, towel or blanket and snag yourself a spot on the grass. Kids and pets are welcome. Yoga on the bluff is offered every day at 11 a.m. and Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. For more information about Yogalution or for the class schedule in the studio, visit **yogalutionmovement.com.**



FACEBOOK
Cycling enthusiasts gather for a break during The Bicycle Stand's Velo Caravan in March.

VELO CARAVAN
WITH THE BICYCLE STAND

KRISTINE MCGOWAN | *Editor in chief*

Long Beach is known as a bike-friendly city, and every few weeks, the guys and girls at The Bicycle Stand take full advantage of it.

Located on E. Broadway Street, the vintage bike shop organizes its Velo Caravan on the last Saturday of each month, taking a group of bikers on routes throughout the city. The group meets at 10 a.m. at Lord Windsor Roasters on the corner of Third Street and Cerritos Avenue, and anyone who enjoys a casual morning bike ride is welcome to join.

The two-hour ride typically follows a 12- to 15-mile route, sometimes along the bike paths that stream throughout Long Beach and other times along the sand of the beach. Riders tend to bring along vintage-styled bikes, but mountain bikes and commuter bikes are welcome as well.

The monthly rides are free, but it's good to bring a couple bucks, as each Velo Caravan makes mid-ride stops at locations ranging anywhere from Cha For Tea to a car show.

If you're looking to meet some fellow cyclists or get a look at some old bicycles, head for Lord Windsor at 10 a.m. on Sept. 28, The Bicycle Stand's next Velo Caravan. There's no telling where the Velo Caravan will take you in Long Beach, so just go along for the ride.

SPENCER PIRDY | DAILY 49ER
Organic produce and crafts are sold at the Long Beach Southeast Farmers market, held every Sunday afternoon on Marina Drive.



FRESH PRODUCE
AT THE FARMERS MARKET

SPENCER PIRDY | *Assistant Sports Editor*

Forget, for a moment, that farmers markets are the hip new trendy activity to pursue on weekends. Now, take a Sunday afternoon venture to where E. Marine Drive and Second Street meet, overlooking the Alamitos Bay Marina. There you'll find an endless row of diverse delectables as far as the eye can see.

Entering from the south end of the parking lot, you won't know which way to look as you walk through aisles of the handmade goods and art pieces of all shapes and sizes on display. Take a gander at artists painting or feel the benefits of an all-natural sugar scrub firsthand. Marvel at the aroma of the region's most exotic flowers.

If you get hungry, you'll be able to take a pit stop to please your palette with shaved ice at the halfway point, and if you head further to the northern end of the market, you'll find a wide variety of food products and flavors from all over the world. We're talking the gamut, from locally caught fish to fresh-picked produce, goat cheese and olive oils to kettle corn and baklava.

Are you salivating yet? Now, don't expect to pay wholesale prices for these goods. The prices are at or around standard grocery prices, but you're paying for the freshness and personable service that the vendors provide. However, even with an empty wallet and stomach, there are plenty of free samples to fill you to capacity.

In the end, if you walk away with a grocery bag or two of goods, you can have the peace of mind that you've just contributed to the livelihood of local farmers, bakers, craftspeople and diverse specialists who fill the aisles of the Long Beach Southeast Farmers Market every Sunday.

EDITOR'S NOTE:
For the full guide to Hangouts Around The Beach, visit **daily49er.com.**



SCOTT BOSCO | DAILY 49ER
Alex's is a hole-in-the-wall bar as well as a music venue that is welcoming despite the hellish decor.

ALEX'S BAR

MUSIC. TRIVIA. DRINKS.

SCOTT BOSCO | *Staff Writer*

If clubbing with the boys, repetitive house music and expensive drinks are your scene, then Alex's Bar isn't for you. This isn't your momma's disco — it's a punk bar.

Don't let the glowing "Welcome to Hell" sign fool you, though. Alex's Bar is a great chill spot.

"Rock 'n' roll for where the sewer meets the sea," is how Alex Hernandez describes his bar.

With red light washing over the red-painted walls, Alex's is edgy as a rock bar should be. The joint sports an eclectic collection of Alex's swag: a collection of skateboards hangs from the ceiling, a statue of a skeleton band poses over a photo booth, and a man-sized portrait of a Lucha Libre wrestler beautifies the wall next to the multifunctional stage.

Monday Trivia Night, Tuesday Karaoke, and drink specials like dollar Olympia beer keep Alex's alive. A sports game is always on, but the pulse of Alex's is the live music played almost all week long. In the past, the bar has seen appearances by The Offspring, The Adolescents and Dave Grohl.

Although they don't brew their own beer, Alex's has handpicked 20 beers that are offered on draft. They don't have a kitchen, but if you're hungry during a show, they often charter out a food truck or two.

Bottom line, if you're looking for a bar with heaps of character, killer hard-hitting live music and service from some of the kindest people in Long Beach, then Alex's Bar is for you.

NIGHTLIFE

The sun goes down, and it's time to go out. Depending on how you like to spend your weekend evenings, there are multiple venues downtown and around campus where you can grab a coffee and study, have a few drinks or watch a show.

ROYAL CUP CAFE

COFFEE IN MASON JARS?

COURTNEY TOMPKINS | *Managing Editor*

This little café that sits on the corner of Redondo Avenue and 10th Street can easily be bypassed. What seems like a little hole-in-the-wall is actually an amazing space filled with funky, mismatched antique couches and big plush armchairs, perfect for cozying up with a good book.

There are tables and chairs scattered throughout, and the walls are adorned with art from local artists in a number of different mediums. The hanging lanterns provide a nice, warm ambient light, and the music gives off a relaxing vibe.

Not to mention, the food and drink menu offers a fresh selection of breakfast and lunch items ranging from breakfast bagels to salads and paninis, as well as an assortment of coffee and teas. The lattes are topped with fresh whipped cream, and the passion fruit tea served in a mason jar is reminiscent of something one would find at grandma's house. The Royal Cup Café is definitely a hidden gem in the City of Long Beach, and students who haven't been there must check it out the next time they're looking for a place to study, eat or simply hang out. For the full menu and hours, visit **royalcupcafe.com.**



FACEBOOK
Royal Cup Cafe hosts open mic nights Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m.



GOLDEN AGE OF CINEMA

AT THE ART THEATRE

PRISCELLA VEGA | *Assistant Diversions Editor*

Film enthusiasts and creative souls should all head on down to Fourth Street and Cherry Avenue to check out the Art Theatre in Long Beach. The theatre frequently hosts unconventional and unique events thanks to non-profit organizations like The Long Beach Cinematheque and innovative Long Beach locals like Logan Crow. There is almost always something brewing at the theatre, ranging from its weekly Saturday midnight shenanigans with the Long Beach Rocky Horror troupe, shadow-casting the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" musical, to showcasing vintage films like "Dance Craze" and fun Q-and-A's with film directors afterward.

The theatre is known to host a myriad of films considered B-rated. Some of the films shown that have garnered the most attendees include "Forbidden Zone" with director Richard Elfman and the music documentary "Filmage: A Story of the Descendents/ALL."

The Art Theatre also offers a conventional movie experience, showing popular and classic films like "The Great Gatsby" and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Prices for all events vary and usually range from $10 to $20. Subscribe to the theatre's mailing list or check its Facebook page to be kept in the loop of what exciting film event will be showcased next.

FACEBOOK
The well-known art theatre on Fourth Street shows limited-release films and plays, and regularly holds weekly Rocky Horror Picture Shows.

EDITOR'S NOTE:
For the full guide to Hangouts Around the Beach, visit **daily49er.com.**



FACEBOOK

Piano players duel as they play song requests at Sgt. Pepper's Dueling Pianos in Downtown Long Beach.

SGT. PEPPER'S DUELING PIANOS

ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK

NICOLAS RODRIGUEZ | *Assistant Opinions Editor*

Sgt. Pepper's Dueling Pianos is a vibrant bar that features two pianos switching off to play popular songs. For 5 years, Sgt. Pepper's off of Pine Avenue has been providing a wonderful atmosphere with drink specials that students can enjoy. Up to four different piano players will rotate throughout the week.

On Fridays and Saturdays, all four piano players will take suggestions from the audience as patrons write their song suggestions on slips of paper. Popular songs requested often include Sir Mix a Lot's "Baby got Back," PSY's "Gangnam Style," Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" and Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines."

Sgt. Peppers opens around at either 6 or 7 p.m. and closes at midnight or 1 a.m., depending on the night. On weekends, the bar extends its hours and closes at 2 a.m.

There is no cover charge on Thursday nights, and drink specials start at $3. Covers start at $7 on Friday and Saturday nights until 8 p.m., when it goes up to $10. Assistant General Manager Ruben Anchondo said that the most common events at Sgt. Pepper's include bachelorette parties, birthdays, going away parties and girls night out parties.

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Bruno Mars is not the right choice to perform at the Super Bowl

ALEX CAMPOS

In "Just the Way You Are," Bruno Mars sings the lyric, "The whole world stops and stares for a while."

Mars is obviously singing about a girl. In February, though, the whole world will stop and stare at him performing at the Super Bowl halftime show.

On the first football Sunday of the season, the NFL announced that Mars would headline the halftime show.

In Super Bowl XXXVIII, more people remember the halftime show than the actual game.

Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" was more memorable than the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers, who played a nail-biting game.

Since Super Bowl XXXVIII, the Super Bowl has played it fairly safe with its acts.

In the six years following the fiasco, safer acts have been prominent.

These acts include The Who, The Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

In 2011, the Super Bowl broke into the new generation of music with a performance by the Black Eyed Peas.

Not surprisingly, this was a horrible performance with obvious lip-syncing and too many lights.

Last year, Beyonce performed admirably but seemed more concerned with shaking her body than vocalizing.

This year, Mars will take the stage. While I respect the fact that he can actually sing, which is rare nowadays, I still think he is the wrong choice for the Super Bowl halftime show.

Mars is a very talented vocalist, but his songs are not exactly pump-up songs. Football is a gritty, tough sport and should feature some gritty, tough music.

The only benefit of having Mars perform is that it brings a new audience.

Football fans like myself are going to watch the game anyways.

Now, many people will tune in only for the halftime show and commercials, and this music choice caters more to them than to the people who watch football every Sunday.

The main problem with Mars is his lyrical content. He's not flashy enough to distract viewers from his songs.

I just don't see how songs about catching a grenade for a girl can possibly fit into the biggest American sporting event.

There are many better alternatives for the halftime show.

Jay-Z and Kanye West each recently released new albums. While it might be impossible to get the Federal Communications Commission to clear those acts, they would put on insane shows.

There are also a couple rock acts that would be great choices.

Foo Fighters would be an absolutely perfect act, with highly recognizable songs and instrumental talent to boot.

When Tupac's hologram performed at Coachella a few years ago, a whole new world of musical acts opened up. Hologram versions of Queen or Led Zeppelin would light up the Super Bowl halftime show.

On Feb. 2, the country will stop and stare for a while at Mars. Hopefully, his performance is out of this world, and he destroys it.

In six months, the world will know if Mars was the right choice.

Alex Campos is a senior journalism major and a contributing writer at the Daily 49er.

Space shuttle anniversary should prompt interest in exploration

SHANE NEWELL

Tomorrow will mark the 37th anniversary of the first space shuttle "Enterprise."

Named after the fictional spaceship piloted by the "Star Trek" crew, the "Enterprise" was the catalyst for decades of space travel and scientific discovery.

Although the "Enterprise" and space shuttle program are long gone, the desire and need to bring it back is high.

By providing highly skilled jobs, scientific discoveries and entertainment for the masses, the space shuttle program is one of the best investments the U.S. can make.

According to a 2012 CBS News article, approximately 7,000 workers were laid off following the end of the shuttle program.

The employees, including crane operators and other skilled workers, were part of the thousands who called Kennedy Space Center home.

In addition, NASA hired other skilled workers, including astronauts and scientists, to complete the actual missions.

In addition to providing jobs, the space shuttle program also brought one of the most awe-inspiring telescopes to the masses.

According to an article from NASA's website, the Hubble Space Telescope's success was directly linked to its ability to be serviced by humans in low-Earth orbit.

Without the space shuttle, Hubble would not have been able to survive.

In addition to its contribution to America's workforce and scientific progress, the space shuttle system also provided one of the purest forms of entertainment.

Watching the space shuttle launch from Kennedy Space Center in Merrit Island, Fla., or elsewhere in the U.S. was a captivating event for many Americans.

Although support for the space shuttle program still exists, some have raised concerns about the program's cost-effectiveness.

According to an article from **Forbes.com**, the space shuttle program cost approximately $450 million for each of its 135 missions.

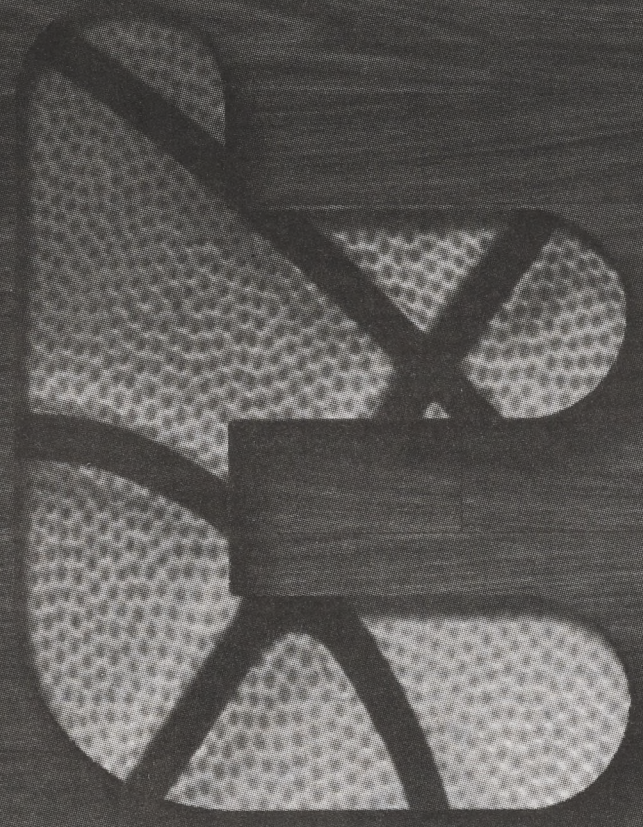
Yes, the cost of sending Americans into space is expensive. However, the economic, scientific and emotional benefits far trump the cost.

Although a government-funded space program may not return anytime soon, one can always hope.

The final frontier awaits.

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SOCCER

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did. While the 'Niners held the ball for only about 43 percent of Friday's game, Ingrassia said they controlled it for somewhere around 60 percent today.

"We didn't take care of the ball at all [Friday]," Ingrassia said. "We were really careless with the ball, but we really emphasized it today."

LBSU started its two-game road trip with a 1-0 loss to Georgia on Friday, putting an end to its short three-game winning streak.

The 49ers were held to four shots by the Bulldogs (6-1-0) in a game that remained scoreless until Georgia forward Marion Crowder fired the game's only goal in the 80th minute at the Turner Soccer Complex.

With the win, the Bulldogs extended their winning streak to six games, all of which have been shutouts.

Goalkeeper Kaci McCain had five of her 10 saves for the weekend in the game to back defender Taylor Nelson's strong defensive outing. Nelson cleared a ball out from the goal line in the 66th minute before blocking a shot from point-blank range 15 minutes later.

LBSU came close to changing the game with a goal in the final minute of regulation — something they did in their last road game against Texas Tech two weeks ago.

After a corner kick by freshman Mimi Rangel, Nelson lofted a shot from 18 yards out in the 89th minute that missed the top post by mere inches.

The Beach returns home on Saturday to host No. 6 Brigham Young at George Allen Field. The game will start at 7 p.m.

WEEKEND GAMES

GEORGIA 1
LBSU 0

Georgia forward Marion Crowder scored the game's only goal in the 80th minute. The 49ers were outshot 6-4, but goalkeeper Kaci McCain made a career-high five saves for The Beach.

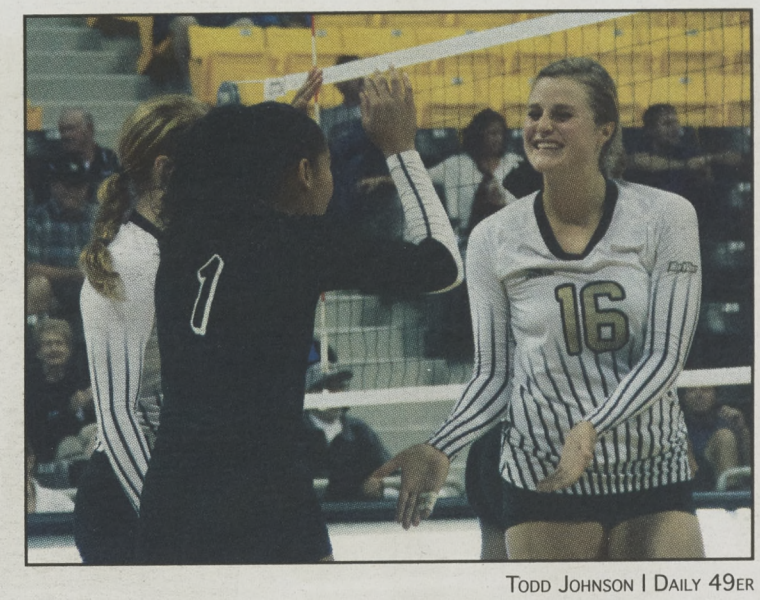
LBSU 2
AUBURN 1

Eileen Maes and Ashley Webb led the 49ers to a comeback victory over the Tigers in Sunday's overtime thriller. Casie Ramsier scored Auburn's only goal in the 49th minute.

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TODD JOHNSON | DAILY 49ER

Delainey Aigner-Swesey (16) had 16 kills and 15 digs Saturday to finish with a double-double against College of Charleston.

VOLLEYBALL

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Mackie and Alex Reid each finished with 10 kills in a win that capped the first undefeated weekend of the season for the 49ers.

"We played as well in the third as we did in the first," head coach Brian Gimmillaro said. "We played more like us."

The 'Niners got a much-needed momentum shift without having to play much extra time, as they played 10 total sets — a third of the amount they played in three matches at the Bay Area Challenge.

Middle Blocker Haleigh Hampton sat out again with a fractured leg, and there is still no set date for her return.

"Bones are bones. They heal when they heal," Gimmillaro said.

LBSU will try to extend its three-game win streak when it returns to the Pyramid on Wednesday to face No. 11 UCLA.

Aigner-Swesey said the momentum gained over the weekend would help the team get ready for UCLA, but that the game against the Bruins wouldn't be anything special.

"We've played so many ranked teams so far, it's just another game," she said, referencing early-season matches against No. 14 Illinois, No. 16 Florida State and No. 19 Kentucky.

LBSU will face the Bruins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

WATER POLO

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While the loss acts as a blemish on the 49ers overall record, the match against Concordia exposed weaknesses and areas that the 'Niners need to tend to.

"It's good that it happens earlier in the season," Mefford said. "Just as long as it wakes us up."

The 49ers (7-1) went on to avenge their earlier loss by smashing their remaining three opponents in the Inland Empire tournament.

In Saturday's second match, LBSU took down Chapman for the second time this season with a 12-5 win. One day later, the 'Niners defeated Whittier 13-3 and tournament host La Verne 19-1.

Going into the weekend, LBSU had several players battling illness. This left the door open for other players to seize the opportunity for playing time.

One such player was sophomore Zacchary Kappos, whose strong two-meter defense played a major factor in all three of the 49ers' wins.

Even with the loss, LBSU is gaining comfort as a unit as it heads further into the season.

"Last weekend at the UCSD tournament was the first time in a while that we'd really all played together," Mefford said. "We're still getting used to each other, and our confidence is continuing to build."

The 49ers will take their act north next week as they head to Berkeley for the NorCal tournament. There they'll get their first shot at fellow Mountain Pacific Sports Federation teams.

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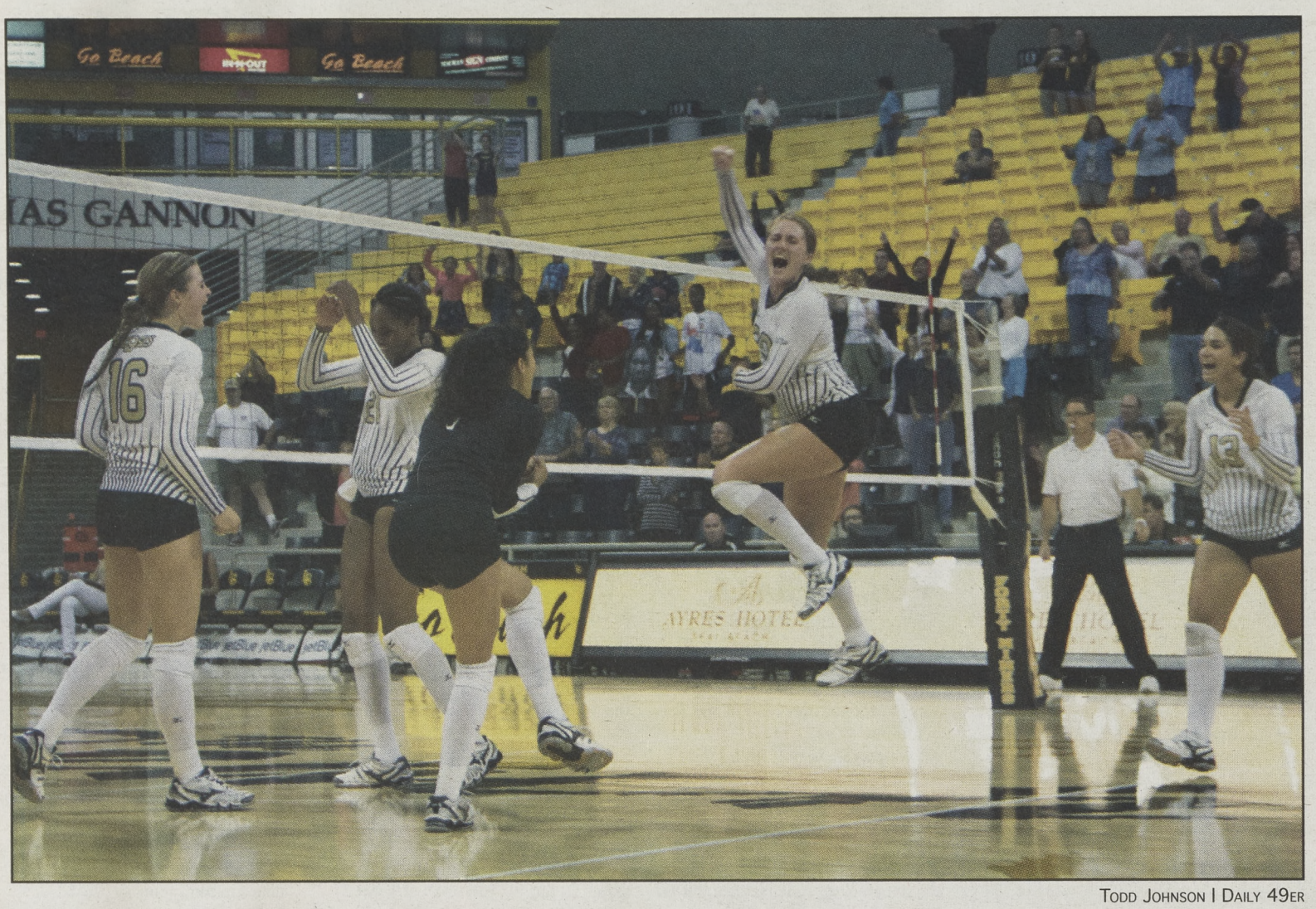
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Long Beach State setter Erin Juley celebrates the 49ers' victory over College of Charleston at the Walter Pyramid on Friday.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

49ERS JUMP BACK ON TRACK

Long Beach State cruises to three wins at the LBSU/LMU Tournament.

BY JASON CLARK
Sports Editor

The Long Beach State women's volleyball team needed wins this weekend, and it got them.

One week after losing two of three five-set matches at the Bay Area Challenge, the 49ers (5-4) made quick work of Loyola Marymount, College of Charleston and Seattle at the Long Beach State/LMU Tournament.

"It's always good to win," senior outside hitter Delainey Aigner-Swesey said. "It brings your spirits up."

The Beach opened the weekend on Friday in Los Angeles, where they took a 25-20, 25-13 and 25-19 win over LMU (5-4).

Freshman Joy Miley and junior Bre Mackie started a weekend trend at the net, as they collected five blocks apiece for the night. Junior middle blocker Chisom Okpala finished with nine kills on .643 hitting to lead the 'Niners to their first sweep of the 2013 season.

LBSU returned to the Pyramid for Saturday's match against College of Charleston. The 49ers couldn't sweep the Cougars, but they did finish the night with a convincing 25-14, 25-19, 25-27 and 25-21 victory.

In their first and most dominant set of the night, the 49ers held Charleston (8-2) to a negative -.038 hitting. They used a late push to take the second set of the night but couldn't finish off the sweep in the third, as the Cougars came back from an early 10-5 deficit and eventually rallied to win 27-25.

The set would be the only one The Beach would lose all weekend.

The 'Niners, who were led by Aigner-Swesey's double-double for the night, took the victory with a close 25-21 win in set four.

Closing out the weekend for LBSU was a dominant 25-14, 25-13 and 25-13 win over Seattle (2-10). Each set told the same story, with the 49ers opening with the lead and going on several runs before winning comfortably.

The LBSU defense performed well once again, holding the Redhawks to just .038 hitting on the night. Aigner-Swesey,

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Women's soccer
THURSDAY

Long Beach State	0
Georgia	**1**

SUNDAY

Long Beach State	**2**
Auburn	1

Women's volleyball
THURSDAY

Long Beach State	**3**
Loyola Marymount	0

FRIDAY

College of Charleston	1
Long Beach State	**3**

SATURDAY

Seattle	0
Long Beach State	**3**

Men's water polo
SATURDAY

Long Beach State	9
Concordia	**10**
Long Beach State	**12**
Chapman	5

SUNDAY

Long Beach State	**13**
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LaVerne	1

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1. Loyola Marymount
2. Santa Clara
3. St. Mary's
4. Pepperdine
5. San Diego
6. Pacific
7. Long Beach State

Women's 6k (Individual)

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Kathleen Dunne	37th
Andrea Gayton-Jacob	40th
Madison D'Ornellas	52nd
Kylee Martin	54th
Valeria Soto	56th
Kaitlyn Kuehn	57th

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Webb nets golden goal to lead LBSU over Auburn

The 49ers beat Auburn in overtime after losing to Georgia.

BY DANIEL ASTLE
Assistant Sports Editor

After a 1-0 loss to Georgia on Friday night, the Long Beach State women's soccer team turned around a frustrating weekend with a thrilling overtime win on a golden goal by freshman Ashley Webb to beat Auburn 2-1 on Sunday.

Webb's golden goal about a minute into overtime was also the first goal of her collegiate career, and it gave the 'Niners (4-3-0) the win over the Tigers (3-3-1) in a hot and humid afternoon game at the Auburn Soccer Complex.

"All in all, I'm happy with how we finished off the weekend, with being able to get the result after losing on Friday," head coach Mauricio Ingrassia said.

Midfielder Eileen Maes erased a 1-0 deficit in the 57th minute with a direct shot from three yards out on a pass by freshman Mimi Rangel. Just over half an hour later, Rangel supplied the 'Niners with her second assist of the day to set Webb up for the winning shot.

While LBSU earned the victory on the equalizer in the second half and the golden goal in overtime, it found itself repeating a bad first-half habit that it's still trying to correct. For the seventh consecutive game this season, the 'Niners walked off the field at halftime without a goal.

"We'd like to win the first half, but I think this team is understanding how to manage games," Ingrassia said. "Sometimes the first half may not happen, but we have 90 minutes, sometimes 100 minutes, to score."

Ingrassia said his team was able to come out on top because it held possession of the ball longer than Auburn

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MEN'S WATER POLO

49ers fall to Concordia, bounce back in IE Tournament

BY SPENCER PIRDY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Long Beach State men's water polo team suffered its first loss of the season Saturday against Concordia but rebounded to win its next three in the Inland Empire tournament.

"It was a bit of a shocker, a strange game, and we came out very slow defensively," junior Devin Mefford said.

After being tied 2-2 at the end of the first quarter, the sixth-ranked 49ers answered with a trio of goals to take a 5-4 lead going into halftime.

Concordia gained momentum in the third quarter of play and was able to take advantage of a somewhat lackadaisical 49er defense.

With plenty of confidence on its side, Concordia was able to pull ahead of the 49ers at the midway point of the fourth quarter. In the end, Concordia pulled off the upset with a 10-9 victory over the 'Niners.

"We took them lightly, and it came down to us not taking care of our defensive priorities," Mefford said.

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